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The infographic attached along with this note is a timeline of several historical events that took place primarily in the 20th century. This timeline will serve as a useful piece in the classroom when one is teaching the reading, *Hidden Figures*, and looking to pinpoint it and the events related to it within a historical context. The timeline chronologically compares groundbreaking historical events such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the creation of NASA alongside the historical presence of the three women, Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson, and Mary Jackson, that the reading is focused around. The book hops around from year to year and is very difficult to follow chronologically. That is part of the reasoning behind the creation of this timeline infographic; the students will be able to see when certain events transpired compared to the women's lives and other parts of the reading.

The timeline includes captions and pictures in the correct order, but the dates for each event can be found on a separate part of the infographic. This enables the teacher to use it in more than one way. They can present the information all together, or, if they would so choose, they may give the students the timeline and have them inquire and find out as to what years each event happened within. This teaching tool can be very beneficial when teaching *Hidden Figures* because it will give the students a historical and chronological context as to which events and milestones happened when and how to compare these from a sequential standpoint to the lives of the three women present in the reading.

Resources

Shetterly, Margot L. *Hidden Figures*. Harper Collins Publishers, 2016.

Pictures (URL):

NACA Begins - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Advisory_Committee_for_Aeronautics

WWII Ends - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2187071/Times-Square-Sailor-nurse-kissing-iconic-WWII-photograph-reunited.html>

Mach 1 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chuck_Yeager

Promotion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdcvpeO5zDE>

Mary Jackson - <https://www.nasa.gov/langley/hall-of-honor/mary-jackson>

Katherine Johnson - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katherine_Johnson

Brown v. BoE - <https://www.thinglink.com/scene/650047654327222273>

Sputnik - <https://airandspace.si.edu/collection-objects/sputnik-1-replica>

NASA Begins - <https://www.nasa.gov/>

Civil Rights Act - <http://www.cnn.com/2014/06/18/us/1964-civil-rights-act-fast-facts/index.html>

Man on the Moon - <https://www.universetoday.com/45984/first-men-on-the-moon/>

Medal of Freedom - <https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/langley/katherine-johnson-receives-presidential-medal-of-freedom>